

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 14, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 as follows:

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As a result of examination of modification plan, evaluation is conducted as to whether or not the available energy-saving effect is sufficient to permit collection of the investment cost required for modification of facilities. Details of this evaluation will be described later. In summary, the evaluation criterion is whether or not the investment funds for the energy-saving measures can be collected within an appropriate number of years (for example, within ten years at the latest). When an evaluation that the amount of investment can be collected within an appropriate number of years is obtained, the customer and the energy service enterprise consider entering into a ~~contrast~~-contract specifying that number of years as the years under contract and the customer shall pay a part of the curtailed amount of energy cost under the energy-saving effect to the energy service enterprise.

Page ~~28~~²⁶, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 as follows:

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In the flow of Fig. 8, the process ~~in~~-is executed at intervals of a certain period of time (Δt : for example, every 15 minutes or every hour): preparation and submission of a report to the customer as an end, the time counter t is reset to 0, and repetition is started.